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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Alexandre MARTI, Norbert LANGE,  
Matthieu ZELLWEGER, Georges WAGNIERES,  
Hubert VAN DEN BERGH, Patrice JICHLINSKI  
and Pavel KUCERA  
Serial no. : 09/673,871  
Filed : with an effective filing date April 22, 1999  
For : SOLUTION FOR DIAGNOSING OR TREATING  
TISSUE PATHOLOGIES  
Group Art Unit : 1617  
Examiner : Shahnam JI Sharareh  
Docket : NITROS P146US

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed March 27, 2002, please enter the following  
before reconsideration of this application.

In the Specification:

Please cancel page 3, first paragraph and page 4, third full paragraph, in their entirety,  
in favor of a clean form of those paragraphs of the specification, without any markings thereon,  
as follows. Also accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the  
specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining and bold) and the deletion(s) (by  
strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification  
paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-18, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein,  
in favor of new claims 19-35 as follows.